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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 January 18, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

January 11, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Cal EMA) FOR THE UNDERSERVED VICTIM ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM (UV) AND APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2010-11 (ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The District Attorney is requesting approval to enter into Grant Award Agreement with Cal EMA for the Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach Program (UV). The grant has been awarded a five-year funding cycle of \$125,000 with a required 20% match of \$31,250 of salaries and employee benefits appropriation. Continued funding for years two through five (FFY 2011-2015) will require a non-competitive Request For Application process. The UV program will coordinate and provide services to family and next of kin survivors of gang murder victims throughout Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney (DA), on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funding from Cal EMA in the amount of \$125,000 with a 20% match in the amount of \$31,250, for a total of \$156,250 from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
2. Delegate authority to the DA or his designee upon award of grant funding by Cal EMA to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement and serve as Project Director for the program. This also includes authorization to submit subsequent applications for funding years two through five, approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to the Cal EMA grant documents that do not increase the Net County Cost of the program.

3. Approve the attached Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$125,000 which supplements the salaries and employee benefits appropriation in the DA's 2010-11 budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is for grant award acceptance to continue the DA's commitment to assist underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma caused by gang-related crime.

On August 31, 2010, the Board adopted a request to submit a grant proposal to the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for a five-year grant award for the DA's Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach Program (UV).

On October 29, 2010, Cal EMA notified the DA that our grant proposal was selected to receive first year grant funds in the amount of \$125,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Subsequent funding for years two through five will be continued through a non-competitive application process subjected to funding availability.

Grant funds, through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), will be used to implement the UV to offset lost funding of the DA's Special Emphasis Victim Assistance Program (SEVAP) which ended September 30, 2010. The UV will continue providing comprehensive services to the underserved victims who are the surviving family members and next of kin of gang homicide victims in the Central County area which encompasses Los Angeles City and unincorporated Los Angeles County, Southern County (including Compton/Long Beach/Inglewood), and East County (including Pomona).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost for the UV is \$216,193. After the offset of \$125,000 in grant funds, the DA will absorb \$91,193 (which includes the required 20% match of \$31,250) in FY 2010-11. Funding has been awarded for FY 2010-11 and will be included in the DA's budget via the attached appropriation adjustment.

In light of the State budget situation, if funding for this program were to be terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs

absorbed by the department or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Supervisors has designated the District Attorney's Office, through its Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), as the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime since 1977. Federal funds have been made available to VWAP grantees to provide the intensive services needed by victims of gang crime.

Gang crime continues to be a serious problem throughout Los Angeles County; however, it is particularly significant in the targeted areas of Central Los Angeles and Compton/Long Beach. Gang cases, mainly homicides, are inherently difficult to solve and often take prolonged investigation and litigation to conclude. Three victim advocates will be assigned to the UV in FY 2010-11 to provide direct victim services to victims in the designated areas. The UV victim advocates will focus their efforts to ensure that these victims continue to receive available services during the lengthy court process. The UV victim advocates will concentrate on cases submitted to the DA's Hardcore Gang Division originating from those communities most impacted by gang murders. There is a critical need for UV services throughout Los Angeles County.

The comprehensive services to be provided by the victim advocates include: crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, emergency services including witness protection and relocation, court orientation and escort, victim compensation application assistance, resource referrals, training to law enforcement agencies, community outreach, and activities that promote public awareness.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Ms. Patricia Orozco, Grants Unit, District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
1/11/2011
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S.L. Cooley", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DEPT'S.
NO. 370

December 22, 2010

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2010-2011

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 90 - 9031 - 14030
Federal Grants \$125,000
Increase Revenue

USES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 1000 - 14030
Salaries & Employee Benefits \$125,000
Increase Appropriation

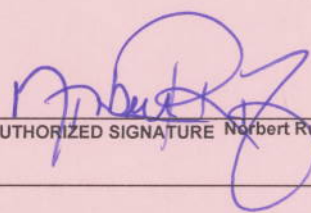
SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 125,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 125,000

JUSTIFICATION

This Budget Adjustment allocates the unbudgeted revenue from the State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach Program (UV). This appropriation will provide sufficient funds to successfully implement the program.

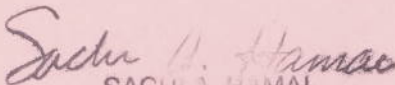
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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Norbert Ruiz

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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JAN 18 2011


SACHIN A. HAMAL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

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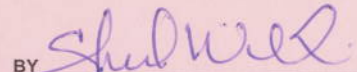
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY



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SEND 6 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

**Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Grant Project Title and Description **UNDERSERVED VICTIM ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM (UV)**

The Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach Program (UV) will provide direct, comprehensive services and outreach to the underserved victims who are the surviving family members and next of kin of gang homicide victims in the Central County area (encompassing Los Angeles City and unincorporated LA). Services include crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, emergency services, court support, resource referrals, Victim Compensation application assistance, as well as in-service training to law enforcement agencies and community outreach. The target communities are Southern County (including Compton/Long Beach/Inglewood), and UV will expand its jurisdiction to East County (especially Pomona).

Funding Agency
State of California Emergency
Management Agency
(Cal EMA)

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or
Code #)**

CFDA # 16.575

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$125,000

County Match: \$31,250

Grant Period: 2010-11

Begin Date: October 1, 2010

End Date: September 30, 2011

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: 2

Part Time: 1

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X

b) Identify other revenue sources Yes No X

(Describe) _____

c) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Department Head Signature

S.L.C.

Date

12/23/10